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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION

THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

ASKING

Congress to make an appropriation for the repair and completion of the work commenced by Government for improving the harbor of Erie.

FEBRUARY 19, 1844.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union,

RESOLUTION relative to the preservation and improvement of the harbor of Erie.

Whereas the preservation and improvement of the harbor of Erie, on Lake Erie, in this State, is a subject of great public importance, both in a commercial and military point of view: and whereas the Government of the United States, many years ago, commenced the construction of pier-work designed for the improvement of said harbor, the construction of which has been suspended, and left in an unfinished condition, and, in consequence thereof, is fast becoming dilapidated; and if allowed to go to decay and destruction, (as it soon will, if suffered to remain in its present incomplete condition,) the said harbor will be left in a worse condition than it was when said work was commenced, if it be not wholly destroyed: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Congress of the United States ought to make immediate provision for the repair and completion of the works commenced for the improvement of the said harbor; and that the Senators and Representatives of Pennsylvania in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their influence to procure an

appropriation for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of our Senators

and Representatives in Congress.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN, Speaker of the House of Representatives. WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Harrisburg, February 9, 1844.

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SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the foregoing copy of a preamble and resolution, adopted this day by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, relative to the preservation and improvement of the harbor of Erie.

> Very respectfully, yours, &c., DAVID R. PORTER.

Hon. Charles M. Reed.

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